

BOROUGH COUNCIL Borough of Florham Park Thursday, December 14, 2023

Regular Session Minutes

Mayor Taylor called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Taylor asked Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis to call the roll as follows:

Governing Body	Present	Absent
Malone		Х
Germershausen		Х
Carpenter	Х	
Santoro	Х	
Marchal	Х	
Cicarelli	Х	
Mayor Taylor	X	

Additional Borough Officials present were Administrator William Huyler, Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis, and Borough Attorney Joseph Bell.

COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Borough Clerk stated that all requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met.

Mayor Taylor led the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMAN CHARLES GERMERSHAUSEN

Councilman Charles Germershausen was not in attendance for the meeting and therefore this Recognition section was omitted.

<u>APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER</u>

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to appoint Alvaro Saenz de Urturi Alonso as a volunteer firefighter in the Florham Park Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Santoro.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Malone				X
Germershausen				X
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	Х			
Marchal	Х			
Cicarelli	Х			
Total	4			2

Mr. Alonso was sworn in by the Borough Clerk Danielle Lewis.

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution #23-193, authorizing the appointment of Joseph Chris as a Patrol Officer to the Florham Park Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Malone				Х
Germershausen				Х
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	Х			
Marchal	Х			
Cicarelli	Х			
Total	4			2

The Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Chris.

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve Resolution #23-194, authorizing the appointment of Joseph Otto as a Patrol Officer to the Florham Park Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Malone				Х
Germershausen				Х
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	X			
Marchal	X			
Cicarelli	X			
Total	4			2

The Borough Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Otto.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mayor Taylor asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

Minutes of the November 30, 2023 Regular Meeting

Councilman Marchal made a motion to approve the minutes as stated above.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Santoro.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Malone				Х
Germershausen				Х
Carpenter	X			
Santoro	Х			
Marchal	Х			
Cicarelli	Х			
Total	4			2

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION

The Ordinances were posted and advertised in the official newspaper.

#23-24 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park in the County Of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 228 "Towing/Wrecker Operators" of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Florham Park

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #23-24 by title.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing on this Ordinance.

Maureen Mulligan asked about parking for volunteer firefighters and parking of tow trucks. Discussion ensued on how the topic of parking does not relate to this code change. The Police department will look into the concerns that Ms. Mulligan cited on Lincoln Avenue.

Public hearing was closed.

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve the Ordinance for adoption and the motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Carpenter				Х
Germershausen				Χ
Malone	Х			
Santoro	Х			
Marchal	Х			
Cicarelli	Х			
Total	4			2

#23-25 An Ordinance of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Florham Park in the County Of Morris, State of New Jersey, Amending Chapter 175 Entitled "Peace and Good Order" of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Florham Park

Councilman Carpenter read Ordinance #23-25 by title.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing on this Ordinance.

John Winters asked for an explanation of this code change and the Borough attorney provided the same.

The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Carpenter made a motion to approve the Ordinance for adoption and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Santoro.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Carpenter				Х
Germershausen				X
Malone	Х			
Santoro	Х			
Marchal	Х			
Cicarelli	Х			
Total	4			2

CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Councilman Cicarelli made a motion to approve the presented Resolutions via a single motion of the Council.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Marchal.

#23-195	APPROVING 2024 AMUSEMENT/RECREATION LICENSES
#23-196	AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME RECREATION CHEERLEADING SUPERVISOR
#23-197	AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THIRTEEN (13) SIDEWALK CAFÉ LICENSES FOR 2024
#23-198	EXTENDING FLORHAM PARK MEMORIAL FIRST AID SQUAD'S CERTIFICATION FOR THE YEAR 2024
#23-199	REAPPOINTMENT OF PENELOPE CRINCOLI AS TAX COLLECTOR
#23-200	AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER
#23-201	AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF UNEXPENDED GENERAL CAPITAL AUTHORIZATIONS
#23-202	CANCELLING ORDINANCE #17-14, APPROPRIATION MADE AND THE BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED THEREUNDER
#23-203	AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT
#23-204	AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AWARD FOR CLEANING SERVICES (#FP23-06)
#23-205	AUTHORIZING SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR MICHAEL SMITH, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
#23-206	PROMOTION OF JOSEPH HUNCHAK TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
#23-207	APPROVING 2024 LICENSE FOR AMUSEMENT DEVICES
#23-208	AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A TOWING LICENSE TO EAGLE AUTO & TRUCK SERVICES, LLC
#23-209	AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A TOWING LICENSE TO AJACO TOWING INC.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Carpenter				Х
Germershausen				X
Malone	Х			
Santoro	Х			
Marchal	Х			

Cicarelli	Х		
Total	4		2

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

Councilwoman Santoro read a summary of the current bills list and made a motion to approve it in the amount \$3,036,828.21. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Carpenter				Х
Germershausen				Х
Malone	Х			
Santoro	Х			
Marchal	Х			
Cicarelli	Х			
Total	4			2

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to the public.

The following members of the public wished to be heard:

Cindy and Mark Parlavecchio:

Mr. and Mrs. Parlavecchio shared their concerns with the speeding that takes place where Gregory Drive and Hopping Lane meet. They explained that there is a crosswalk there but there is not a stop sign.

The Borough Engineer and Police department stated they will review for the possibility of a stop sign or a yield sign or other traffic calming measures such as a speed hump.

John Winters:

Mr. Winters inquired about Resolution #23-196 for a part-time Recreation Cheerleading Supervisor and was told that this position is appointed annually.

Mr. Winters asked about Resolution #23-203 and was told that this is a new co-op that the Borough will be entering.

Discussion ensued on Resolution #23-206, that the position was awarded to an existing Public Works employee.

ADJOURNMENT

It was regularly moved by Councilman Carpenter and approved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Danielle M. Lewis, RMC, CMC Borough Clerk December 14, 2023